AUSTRALIAN LABOUR MARKET RESEARCH WORKSHOP 2025

JOBS AND SKILLS AUSTRALIA
50 Marcus Clarke Street, Canberra

PROGRAM - DAY 1, MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 2025

08:30 - 9:00	**Registration**
09:00 - 09:05	**Welcome by Professor Phil Lewis, University of Canberra**
09:05 – 10:00	**Session 1**
09:05 – 10:00	**Vince Gingoyon, Curtin University** *HEARIA: Forming a new measure of higher education accessibility in Australia* Discussant: Anne Daly, University of Canberra
10:00 - 10:45	**Morning Tea**
10:45 – 13:00	**Session 2**
10:45 – 11:30	**Lachlin Kerwood-McCall, Australian National University** The Australian Beveridge Curve 1979-2025: Empirical effects of active labour market programs and implications for full employment Discussant: Bilal Rafi, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
11:30 – 12:15	**Panagiotis Sotirakopoulos, Curtin University** *Flawed oversight: Teachers don't catch AI's grading mistakes when AI is harsh* Discussant: Boyd Hunter, Australian National University
12:15 – 13:00	**Special Session sponsored by the Australian Bureau of Statistics** **Sean Crick - Labour Statistics Branch** *Upcoming improvements to the Australian Labour Force Survey*
13:00 - 13:45	**Lunch**
13:45 – 15:15	**Session 3**
13:45 - 14:30	**Christopher Carter, University of Technology, Sydney** *Exploring declining job mobility in Australia: The role of demographic changes* Discussant: Jeff Borland, University of Melbourne
14:30 – 15:15	**Ruishen Xie, University of Melbourne** *Work from home and disability employment: Evidence from HILDA* Discussant: Ian Li, Curtin University
15:15 – 15:45	**Afternoon Tea**
15:45 – 16:45	**Session 4**
15:45 – 16:45	**Invited Address - Mark Cully, Australian National University** *Statistics as a window into the history of Australian migration*
19:00 - Late	**Workshop Dinner - Madam Lu Canberra, 20 West Row**

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PROGRAM - DAY 2, TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2025

9:15 – 10:45	**Session 1**
09:15 – 10:00	**Siyu Ai, University of Western Australia** *Skewed sex ratios and the reversal of the educational gender gap* Discussant: Lili Loan Vu, Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre
10:00 – 10:45	**Mike Dockery, Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre** *Tiger parents from tiger economies? Analysing the culture of high-educational aspirations among migrants in Australia* Discussant: Leonora Risse, University of Canberra
10:45 – 11:15	**Morning Tea**
11:15 – 12:45	**Session 2**
11:15 – 12:00	**Special Session sponsored by Jobs and Skills Australia** **Bjorn Jarvis, Assistant Secretary, Workforce Futures** *Insights into the labour market and skills implications of Generative AI*
12:00 – 12:45	**Nicky Wonder, Deloitte Access Economics** *Financial incentives and labour supply decisions for Disability Support Pension recipients in Australia* Discussant: Mike Dockery, Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre
12:45 - 13:30	**Lunch**
13:30 - 14:45	**Session 3**
13:30 – 14:15	**Weilu Meng, University of Queensland** *Floods and labour market outcomes: Evidence from the 2011 Brisbane flood* Discussant: Panagiotis Sotirakopoulos, Curtin University
14:15 – 14:45	**Tribute to Russell Ross** Bruce Chapman, Australian National University
14:45 – 15:15	**Afternoon Tea**
15:15 – 16:00	**Session 4**
15:15 – 16:00	**Special Session sponsored by the Reserve Bank of Australia - Katerina Gribbin** *It's always sunny in Ontario: The effects of wage disclosure on wages* Discussant: Bruce Chapman, Australian National University
16:00	**Thanks and close of Workshop**

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